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BLASTER COUNTRY



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Blaster Families,

CO's Corner CO's Corner

Greetings to all the Blue Blaster families and friends. As I write this we are past the half way point and just a few days away from a well earned break for the holiday season and I know everyone is looking forward to a bit of down time to celebrate the holidays, reconnect with loved ones and recharge their batteries. The squadron is performing beyond expectations on every level and I'm impressed every day with the motivation and "can do" attitude of everyone. We continue to support Operation Enduring Freedom and the Blasters continue to defend the coalition forces on the ground in Afghanistan. Everyone in the squadron has an important role in this mission and all are performing admirably. Thank you to everyone back home for all you do, we could not fulfill our mission without your love and support. Although there is still much work to be done, Blasters are up to the challenge and we'll be home as soon as we can. Hope your holidays are great!

XO's Word XO's Word

Blue Blaster Families,

Since I first came onboard in May, I have been amazed at the professionalism, camaraderie and dedication of every Blaster sailor. It is truly an honor serving with such great American heroes. Skipper Paradise provides great vision for all of us to follow and every Blaster takes pride in seeing that vision become a reality – "Victory in Combat." Please know that all of your loved ones here are performing magnificently. Although we just reached the halfway point, there is still much more work to be done. With your support, the Blasters will continue to do great things for our country and rest assured, we'll be sailing home soon thereafter. Deployments are a team effort, both here on the USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN as well as for our families back home. Thank you for providing that stability on the homefront so we can concentrate on the challenging tasks at hand. Please continue to follow our adventures and add your comments on the VFA-34 FRG Facebook page as well as the USS LINCOLN's. Lastly, have a wonderful and blessed holiday season.

VICTORY IN COMBAT

CMC's Notes

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Hello Blaster Families, The holidays will be behind us before we know it and we will all be looking forward to our Return home. There are still several key events that we are going to be announcing soon at our FRG meetings so please continue to support. Our FRG Facebook page has been doing well and the fact that you all won the special edition of the Penny Press was amazing. I periodically email copies of the page to our Sailors especially when there are posts I know they would be interested in. You all are doing an outstanding job at home and we could not do what we do without your support. Keep showing the Great Blaster pride at home, it does not go unnoticed!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from VFA-34!



WELCOME ABOARD

Welcome to our newest Blasters: AO1 Henlen, AT1 Bowman, AT2 Mutter, IS2 Moore, LS2 Simon, AE3 Wade, AZ3 Munn, IS3 House, HM3 Garrett, LS3 Dawson, AME3 Pollard, PS3 Thompson, MASN Brown, AOAA Fox, LSSR Green, and PRAR Ocampo, LS2 Simon



I do solemnly swear to support and defend

One of the biggest steps young men and women take is committing themselves to bettering the Nation by serving in the United States Navy. We have had the privilege to witness the following Sailors commit themselves to additional service by re-enlisting for 2 to 6 years.

ATC Bradley
ATC Styf
AME1 Fotopoulos
AM1 Goodman
LS2 Bernardino
AM2 Cates
AZ2 Hernandez
MA2 Williams
AE2 Williams
YN3 Burrell
AO3 Mason
AO3 Reyes
AO3 Thomas
AT3 Wofenbarger

Check up on your Blue Blasters during deployment by visiting:

The VFA-34 FRG Facebook Page &
The USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN Website:
<http://www.cvn72.navy.mil/>

Senior Sailor of the Quarter
AO1 Jimenez, 3RD QTR
PR1 Smiley, 4th QTR

Junior Sailor of the Quarter
AT2 Spafford, 3rd QTR
AO2 Meadows, 4th QTR

Junior Petty Officer of the Quarter
AD3 Grzech 3rd QTR
AME3 Mitchell, 4th QTR

Blue Jacket of the Quarter
AOAN Kinsey
AMAN MUNZ

New Baby Blaster's

August

AMC Kent and Angee, (Baby Girl)

September

AD1 Estime and Mimose, (Baby Girl)
AO3 Reyes and Rachel, (Baby Girl)
AT3 Golden and Stephanie, (Baby Girl)

November

AME3 Nunes and Jennifer, (Baby Boy)
ATAN Cornelius and Eugena, (Baby Girl)

Officer Promotions

CWO3 Scott



CONGRATULATIONS !!!

**The following Blaster's were recently advanced:
Strong Work....**

Petty Officer First Class

AME1 Fotopoulos AE1 Stricker

Petty Officer Second Class

AD2 Grzech AM2 Hardin AE2 Pinchot
AE2 Burnside AO2 Harrison PR2 Scali

Petty Officer Third Class

AD3 Murray AME3 Pollard AT3 Bohorquezmolina
CS3 Bradley LS3 Granados LS3 Snow

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

We send a fond farewell to: LTJG Flemming, AMEC Bethea, AE2 Babcock, AM2 Bates, IS2 Drummond, AO2 Harrison, AO2 Starala, AM2 Swaim, IT2 Meczowski, AD2 Monegro, AM2 Duarte, AZ2 Love, LS2 Helfen, AD3 Nichols, AM3 Schenker, AM3 Baxter, AE3 Brown, AME3 Morris, AZ3 Burnham, AZ3 Beattie, AEAN Tuthill, LSSN Smith, MA3 Hammonds, AMEC Bethea, and AO2 Starala

